

By: Representative Bailey

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 832

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-53-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE; AND FOR
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-53-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 41-53-11. (1) It shall be lawful and it shall be their duty
8 for any sheriff, conservation officer or peace officer of a county
9 or municipality to kill any dog above the age of six (6) months
10 found running at large on whose neck there is no such collar and
11 tag. No action shall be maintained by the owner for such killing.
12 However, it shall be the duty of said officer who finds a dog or
13 dogs running at large to first keep said dog or dogs for a period
14 of five (5) days and notify the sheriff of said county that he has
15 said dog or dogs, giving the sheriff a description of same. If
16 anyone proves himself to be the owner of same, he shall pay said
17 officer the sum of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) before the dog is
18 delivered to the owner. Within five (5) days of return of the dog
19 to the owner, the owner shall provide proof of inoculation or
20 vaccination to the sheriff or chief of police. If the same dog is
21 found running at large again without a collar and tag, the dog
22 shall be euthanized at the expense of the owner five (5) days
23 after capture.

24 (2) It shall be the duty of any sheriff, conservation
25 officer or peace officer of a county or municipality to kill or
26 otherwise destroy any and all dogs above the age of six (6) months

27 which are running at large and have not been inoculated
28 (vaccinated) as required in this chapter.

29 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
30 and after July 1, 2004.